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SUBJECT:VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON TO SOVIET
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REF: MOSCOW 5956; 6323

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN RICHARDSON, JR., WHO WILL HEAD
US DELEGATION TO OPENING OF METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT IN
LENINGRAD, PLANS ARRIVE LENINGRAD FROM STOCKHOLM MAY 21 AT
1824 VIA SU 2432; DEPART LENINGRAD FROM MOSCOW VIA RED
ARROW 2355 MAY 22 ARRIVING MOSCOW APPROXIMATELY 0830 MAY 23;
DEPART MOSCOW FOR NEW YORK MAY 24 AT 1325 VIA PA 45.

2. DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE METROPOLITAN DIRECTOR THOMAS
HOVING AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF SMITHSONIAN FOR HISTORY
AND ART CHARLES BLITZER. DEPARTMENT WILL FUND INTER-
NATIONAL TRAVEL FOR RICHARDSON AND BLITZER. WE ASSUME
METROPOLITAN FUNDING HOVING'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND
THAT SOVIET HOSTS WILL PAY EXPENSES OF ALL THREE WHILE IN
SOVIET UNION.

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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON LEAVES LENINGRAD PRO-

GRAMMING TO SOVIET HOSTS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO REQUIRED PROTOCOL FUNCTIONS WHICH WOULD GIVE HIM BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CONTEMPORARY SOVIET

LIFE. IN MOSCOW HE WISHES MAKE CALLS AT MINISTRIES OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND HIGHER EDUCATION. (THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST EMBASSY ESTIMATE OF WHEN MINISTER YELUTIN PLANS VISIT US).

4. RE PARA 3 MOSCOW 5956, DEPARTMENT SEEKING APPROPRIATE STATEMENT TO BE READ BY AMBASSADOR AT LENINGRAD OPENING. KISSINGER

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